Regulatory authority for BPO

2526. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an independent regulatory authority for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) units are covered under the existing labour laws. The State Governments are the "appropriate Government" under the various labour laws and legally vested with powers to deal with violation of labour laws in BPO Sector.

Special skill development programme for youth of Jharkhand

2527. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no growth in non-farm jobs in Jharkhand during the last ten years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no skill development programmes have been taken up in the State, to provide gainful employment to tribal youths, to wean them away from naxalite activities; and

(c) whether Government are considering to prepare special skill development programmes for Jharkhand youths through I.T.Is and polytechnics, and upgrading these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per provisional results of Fifth Economic Census 2005, number of persons employed (excluding crop production and plantation) in state of Jharkhand was 11.69 lakh. State has witnessed a negative annual growth rate of 0.32 per cent of employment in non-farm sector between 1998 and 2005.

(b) and (c) Skill training in 107 trades is being offered under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through 5114 Industrial Training Institutes/Centres (ITIs/ITCs) spread all over the country including 38 ITIs/ITCs in Jharkhand. As per provision, seats in Government ITIs are reserved for ST candidates in proportion to their population in respective State/UT.

A centrally sponsored scheme for upgradation of 100 ITIs into Centre of Excellence including an ITI or Jharkhand State, has been taken up with domestic funding in year 2005-06. Government is in dialogue with World Bank to provide financial assistance to upgrade another 400 ITIs. Government of India has identified 100 ITIs out of above mentioned 400 ITIs for upgradation in year 2006-07 including one in Jharkhand.

Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing a Plan Scheme of Community Polytechnics in the country including 12 Polytechnics in the State of Jharkhand and organizes short term manpower training in need based non-formal skills/trades.

Educated unemployed youth in Assam

2528. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes being implemented to provide jobs to educated unemployed youth of Assam; and

(b) the details of new schemes proposed/to be formulated and implemented in North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) especially cater to the requirement of educated unemployed youth in the country including those in Assam State. Certain relaxations in the parameters of PMRY have been granted since 1997 to North Eastern States in view of the special circumstances prevailing in those States.

The North Eastern Industrial Policy of 1997 aims at promoting industrialization in the North Eastern Region. This Industrial Policy of 1997 is proposed to be revised with proposals to add more sectors which have potential for employment generation.